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SUBJ: PLO LEADER VISITS KUWAIT; SYRIAN APPROVAL OF KUWAITI

AID TO PALESTINIANS

1. EN ROUTE TO NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE, FAROUK KADDOUMI (ABU LUTF), HEAD OF PLO POLITICAL DEPARTMENT, SPENT AUGUST 9 - 10 IN KUWAIT. KUWAITI PRESS (AL WATAN) AUGUST 10 REPORTED THAT KUWAITI FONMIN SOURCES ACKNOWLEDGED THAT, DURING KADDOUMI VISIT, SYRIA HAD APPROVED KUWAITI REQUEST FOR CLEARANCE TO SHIP FOOD AND LARGE QUANTITIES COOKING GAS, BENZINE AND KEROSENE TO PALESTINIANS IN LEBANON, TO BE DELIVERED DURING NEXT TWO WEEKS.

2. IN INTERVIEWS WITH AL SIYASAH REPORTERS, KADDOUMI ALLEGED TO HAVE SAID THAT HE MET THROUGH THE NIGHT OF AUGUST 9 WITH LOCAL PALESTINIAN LEADERS AND TOLD THEM THE UNCLASSIFIED

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FOLLOWING:

A. PLO IS PLANNING "SUMMIT" MEETING IN LEBANON WITH LEADERS OF ALL FACTIONS IN LEBANON, EXCEPT CHAMOUN, WHICH WILL OUTFLANK CHAMOUN.

B. THERE ARE INDICATIONS OF A RELAXATION IN PLO-SYRIAN RELATIONS SINCE RECENT KADDOUMI-SYRIAN TALKS AND IN VIEW OF SYRIAN PERMISSION TO LET KUWAITI SUPPLIES REACH "THE RESISTANCE."

C. THERE WILL BE A "SUMMIT" BETWEEN ARAFAT AND SYRIAN LEADERS AFTER NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE.

D. ANY NEW LOCAL ADMINISTRATION IN LEBANON MUST INCLUDE PARTICIPATION OF NON-LEFTIST GROUPS IN LEBANON.

E. PLO WANTS THE SAUDI - KUWAITI MEDIATION EFFORT ON LEBANON REACTIVATED AND WILL SEND KHALID AL HASSAN, PLO AND FATAH LEADER, TO SAUDI ARABIA AUGUST 14 TO CONSULT SAG. (SEPARATE NEWS STORY, SAME PAPER, REPORTED THAT ARAFAT HAD HIMSELF PHONED LOCAL FATAH CHIEF SALIM ZANUN TO EXPRESS DESIRE THAT SAUDI-KUWAIT MEDIATION BE CONTINUED.)

3. KADDOUMI REPORTEDLY TOLD ANOTHER (AL ANBA) NEWSMAN THAT, UP TO NOW, PLO HAD BEEN UNABLE TO PREVENT ISRAEL FROM "BUILDING BRIDGES" TO SOUTHERN LEBANON, BUT THAT PALESTINIANS ARE GOING TO MAKE ISRAEL THINK TWICE ABOUT BUILDING FUTURE "BRIDGES." KADDOUMI ALSO LAUDED POSITION OF SOVIET UNION DURING LEBANESE CONFLICT--"SOVIETS HAVE STOOD BY OUR SIDE." ON OTHER HAND, KADDOUMI CRITICIZED SYRIAN GOVERNMENT FOR DELAYING SYRIAN PARTICIPATION IN FOUR PARTY COMMITTEE PROVIDED FOR IN LATEST SYRIAN - PLO AGREEMENT, WHICH "DISRUPTED PROGRESS TOWARD PEACE." MAESTRONE

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